

Good morning, Senate Chairman Maroney, House Chairman D'Agostino, Ranking Sen. Witkos, and Ranking Rep. Rutigliano and members of the General Law Committee....

It is good to see everyone again. I hope all is well with each of you.

I am here today to testify in favor of HB 5146, AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SUPERMARKET FOOD DONATION PROGRAM. While making sure those who may be having trouble affording the basic necessities in life is always the right thing to do, the current high inflation environment is adding to an already high cost of living here in our state making such an endeavor even more needed.

I want to thank Rep. Fiorello and Rep. Michel for bringing this bill forward. There is no downside to the concept. It would, first and foremost, provide food to those in need of it. Secondly, it will reduce food waste. Lastly, it will reduce the costs to dispose of the solid waste and thus help businesses enjoy a break at a time when the costs of goods and services are high as well as offer them the comfort of not worrying about possible litigation that could arise due to their caring efforts.

Encouraging businesses to donate food to feed those in need and not open themselves up to litigation while reducing food waste and waste hauling fees is a common sense and positive legislative proposal that will positively impact all those involved.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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